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In re NEW PATENT Application of )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 15, after line 25, insert the following description:

a' - Figures 17A and 17B are cross sectional views of alternative line structures for a semiconductor device according to a first embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 18 is a cross-sectional view of a line structure for a semiconductor device according to a fourth embodiment of the present